

Governor's Supplier Diversity Council

June 2, 2017 Meeting

Minutes from June 2, 2017, Governor's Supplier Diversity Council Meeting at Tatnall Building, Dover, DE

Attendees:

Present: Ken Anderson, Dean Stotler, Sakthi A. Vel PhD, Devona Williams PhD, Givvel Marrero, Nick Callazzo III, Jayshree Moorthy, Ralph Truitt (arrived at 10:32am), Michelle Morin, Ramon Ceballos, Stephanie Young, Mary Parker

Absent: Anas Ben Addi, Theresa Brown Edwards, Esq., Ernest (Ron) Frazier Esq.

Public Present in room: none

Meeting Opened:

Meeting Called to Order by Ken Anderson, GSDC Chair, at 10:30am.

Quorum:

A quorum was reached with seven members present; an eighth member arrived at 10:32am.

Meeting Notes:

Chair Ken Anderson requested a motion to suspend the regular meeting rules to move into an Executive Session with Governor Carney. Motion to suspend the regular meeting and move into Executive Session was unanimously accepted without abstention via motion by Dean Stotler and seconded by Sakthi A. Vel PhD.

A conversation with Governor Carney commencing at 10:34am and covered the topics including:

- Self-introductions by Council Members and Agency Liaisons including the group each represents.
- Discussions regarding certification, both statewide at the Office of Supplier Diversity and the subcontracting program at the Department of Transportation.
- The current diverse and small business community represented through certification and the possibility to include LGBT owned business constituency to the OSD certified community
- Contracting with the state and the business-to-government areas of the state and as supported through Council, including data and spend information was shared, such as the 216% increase in spend with diverse businesses over the past eight years and the continued trend of year-over-year increases experienced thus far in this fiscal year to date.

A conversation occurred between Governor Carney, Council, Liaison, and the Office of Supplier Diversity in exploration of these topics, after which Governor Carney suggested the Office of Supplier Diversity connect with Albert Shields to share reporting outcomes and review areas of opportunity. Additionally, Governor Carney suggested future conversations with Council to continue to review how the State and this Administration supports diverse and small businesses.

Governor Carney left the session at 11:32am.

Meeting Adjournment:

Executive Session concluded at 11:32am.